

Clear, colder tonight. Fair tomorrow.

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SENATE UNEASY; OBLIGED TO ACT ON RATE BILL

Foresee Storm of Popular Wrath on Publication of Garfield Report.

"RADICALS" PROPHECY PRESIDENT'S VICTORY

His Opponents, Fearing Anger of the People, Call for Early Vote on Bill.

Forceful Signs

Aldrich wants prompt vote, causing belief he is frightened by approaching light of publicity on railroad matters.

"Radicals" go slowly, thinking developments will strengthen their cause.

Garfield report will be astounding revelation.

Wall street panic and anti-Administration panic in Senate parallel.

The Senatorial atmosphere is volcanic today, and across the railroad rate horizon plays the lightning of ill-concealed uneasiness, while there are heard the mutterings of men whose plans have gone wrong.

But above this element of displeasure is the loud-throated chorus of delight from the "radicals in rate legislation." They herald in tones of confidence the passage of the President's rate bill. They declare in no uncertain phrase that the tide has turned irresistibly toward victory for the Administration.

Their explanation of the sudden change is a double one: First, the proposed publication of the Garfield report tomorrow touching the Standard Oil Company; second, the early issuance of the Interstate Commerce Commission's reports on its inquiries into the connections of the railroads with the coal industry of the whole country.

They foresee the inevitable strength of a popular indignation which will be caused by the publication of these illuminating documents. They predict that such tidal anger will wrest the control of the situation from procrastinating Senators and force to success a "strengthened bill."

Mysterious Changes.

Report is even stronger today than it was yesterday that the people who have been accounted opponents of legislation are suddenly anxious for an early vote, and part of the story is that Senator Aldrich claims fifty-one votes for his broad court review proposition.

The opposition, on the other hand, insists that he has no such number, and that, instead of wanting to get a vote while he is confident of securing his review amendment, Aldrich in fact wants to get it early because he sees ahead the tidal wave of public wrath which may sweep radicalism into the measure.

So it comes about that the opposing sides have in a measure changed position on the matter of an early vote. The "Dolliver" element would be willing to vote early, because it wants the unamended House bill passed if possible, and that that would be possible in an early vote.

"Radicals" Encouraged.

But the more radical element—the Tillman-La Follette-Bailey people who would like the bill strengthened at what they consider weak points—are planning to take advantage of the weakness of the Aldrich group, and to redouble their efforts for strengthening amendments.

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

The lake region disturbance has moved rapidly eastward to the Maine coast, increasing in intensity. It has been attended by general rains in the lake region, the Middle Atlantic States, Tennessee, the lower Ohio valley, and Arkansas. A second disturbance of wide extent is moving eastward north of the Dakotas.

Fair weather is indicated for tonight and Friday, except along the lower lakes, and locally in the east Gulf and South Atlantic States, where showers are probable.

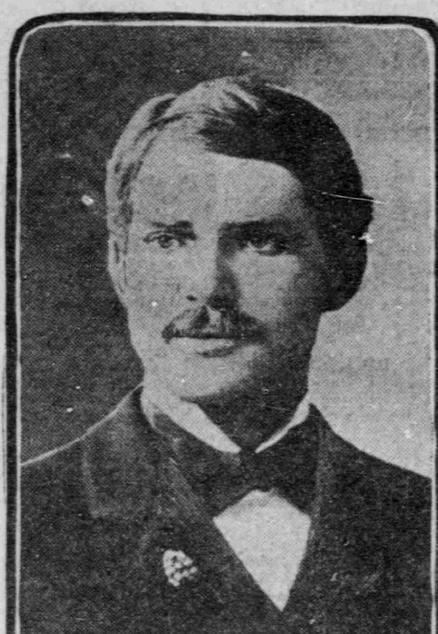
It will be colder tonight in the Middle Atlantic States.

TEMPERATURE.
8 a. m. 59
12 noon 62
1 p. m. 63

Sun sets today 6:53
Sun rises tomorrow 5:00

TIDE TABLE.
Low tide today 9:40 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 4 a. m., 4:27 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 10:44 a. m., 11:06 p. m.

MEN WHO WILL PLAY IMPORTANT PART IN IMPENDING CONFLICT



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MUENTER'S SISTER ARRIVES IN CHICAGO; AGAIN DISAPPEARS

Believed She Has Diary Containing Secret of Wife's Death.

Muenter's Missing Diary

The police want to know: Does this book contain a record of his wife's last hours, taken as he watched her die?

Will it reveal the fact that a mystical mania caused her death in the hope of gaining scientific knowledge or to release her from earthly torment?

CHICAGO, May 2.—Miss Bertha Muenter, sister of the Harvard professor, Erich Muenter, accused of poisoning his wife, arrived today in Chicago on a Michigan Central train and mysteriously disappeared. She brought with her, it is thought, her brother's diary, which contains his life history for six years, and, it is believed, the secret of his wife's death. This book the police of Cambridge, Mass., are anxious to get in their possession.

Miss Muenter left Cambridge, where she had spent several days in her brother's interest, Tuesday afternoon and hurried on to Chicago. Arriving about 6 o'clock this morning, she left the sleeping car and is believed to have taken a seat in a chair car in the same train, thus avoiding a meeting with those who wished to question her on her arrival.

She did not leave the train at the Woodlawn station, where several persons were watching for her. It is believed that she slipped away in the crowd when the train stopped at the Illinois Central station.

Miss Muenter formerly lived at the Hollenden Hotel, Sixty-first street and Wentworth avenue, and it was expected that she would go there promptly on her arrival. This morning, she left the hotel and it was stated that she had not arrived and that nothing had been heard from her.

Miss Muenter has two sisters living in Roger's Park. Mrs. Max Gundlach and Mrs. W. B. Farmer, and it was thought she might have gone to the home of one of them.

District Attorney Sanderson will probably be present at the inquest to question the witnesses, as he is determined to get at the facts concerning the death of Mrs. Muenter, and prosecute the person toward whose guilt the evidence may point.

Inquest to Be Held
At Cambridge Tomorrow

CAMBRIDGE, May 3.—Judge Almy will hold an inquest at Cambridge tomorrow morning to determine the cause of the death of Mrs. Leone K. Muenter, and to decide who, if any one, is responsible.

District Attorney Sanderson will probably be present at the inquest to question the witnesses, as he is determined to get at the facts concerning the death of Mrs. Muenter, and prosecute the person toward whose guilt the evidence may point.

WARSHIPS LINING UP IN NEW YORK HARBOR

An Imposing Array of Uncle Sam's Sea Fighters Anchored in the North River for Several Days.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The first division of the first squadron of the Atlantic fleet, consisting of the battleships Maine, Missouri, Kentucky, and Kearsarge, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander-in-chief, arrived here today from Hampton Roads. Tonight or tomorrow the second division, consisting of the battleships Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa, Rear Admiral Charles Davis, commanding, is expected to arrive. All of these took part in the final funeral ceremonies connected with the burial of John Paul Jones at Annapolis, Md.

With the arrival of the first and second divisions there will be anchored in the North river as large a collection of fighting ships as when Prince Louis of Battenberg was here. These eight warships will join the fourth division, the West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Maryland, now anchored off the Palisades, under command of Rear Admiral William H. Brownson. When these twelve ships, the last four practically battle-ships of the third class, are lined up with the three visiting French cruisers and the Yankton and Dolphin, the immense tonnage and the power of the vessels assembled here are appreciated.

BURSTING FLYWHEEL DOES \$100,000 DAMAGE

MANSFIELD, Ohio, May 3.—The power plant of the Mansfield Electric Railway, Light and Power Company was practically destroyed yesterday afternoon by the bursting of the mammoth flywheel, causing a damage of \$100,000.

MINERS IN SESSION, SIGNS ALL POINT TO GREAT STRIKE

Little Peace Talk Heard Among Delegates to Scranton Convention.

SCRANTON, Pa., May 2.—The tri-district convention of anthracite miners held here this morning for their first session, and while today was given over to nothing more than the formalities of organization, the public will know by the end of the week whether there is to be peace or war in the hard coal fields. Today everything indicates a strike. The convention will probably be in session three days, in order that the delegates may have full opportunity to express themselves on the issues.

President Mitchell opened the convention without an address, and he said today that it was doubtful if he would make an extended speech at any time during the deliberations.

President Mitchell was met with a round of hard clapping and cheers as he moved through the aisle to the speakers' chair a few minutes after 10 o'clock. T. D. Nichols, president of District No. 1, moved that Mr. Mitchell be elected chairman, which was done without opposition. John Dempsey, secretary of District No. 1, and John Gallagher, secretary of District No. 7, were elected secretaries.

Adjournment was then taken until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon in order that the credentials committee might prepare its report.

There is still no absolute certainty as to the outcome, though talk of a strike is being sprung at the last moment. President Mitchell has something up his sleeve, which he will spring at the last moment, but just what that something is no one seems to know.

Miners Full of Fight.

A member of the scale committee said this morning:

"The delegates will, after a full consideration of all that has been done, vote to go on strike. So far as I know there is nothing in the talk of a surprise being sprung at the last moment. For nearly three months our committee has labored and strived with the operators to secure a settlement fair to all. We have, for the sake of peace, given in to them on every demand made, but that of wages, and in spite of our conciliatory attitude the operators, in their desire for a fight, have conceded nothing. They insist that we back down or fight. As they want to fight, and to the end, there has been a strong feeling for peace among the men, but Mr. Carmel and the realization that the operators were trying to humiliate them in the dust has changed much of the pacific feeling."

The present fight of the miners is to be carried into politics. Mitchell has given his sanction to the plan whereby influential union leaders will become candidates for the State Legislature. It is not planned that the union form a distinct political organization, but to seek the nomination of one of the big parties and in the Legislature fight the battles to better working conditions at the mine. National Board member Myles Dougherty, of District No. 9, has come out as a candidate for representative of Northernland county on the Democratic ticket. John Fallow, of Vicksburg, another national board member, has political aspirations.

President Mitchell has told him to go ahead.

Mr. Mitchell gives no indication whether he is for peace or war, simply saying it is a question for the delegates to determine.

Expert Packers.

Merchants' Transfer & Storage Co.—Adv.

WOMAN BEATEN, PURSE TAKEN BY COLORED MAN

Mrs. Amelia Fields Victim of Vicious Assault and Robbery in Her Home in Anacostia This Morning.

POUNDED BRUTALLY OVER HEAD WITH A HEAVY CURTAIN POLE

Army of Police Scouring Woods for Miscreant—Posse Hunting for Colored Man Who Robbed Mrs. Jett.

April 26 Allen Harrison and Mabel Hunt in Rock Creek Park beaten and stoned. Assailant still at large.

April 27 Miss Adele Arctander beaten, robbed, and assaulted in Rock Creek Park. Edward Shorter, captured several days later in the woods near Anacostia, confessed his guilt.

May 2 Mrs. L. M. Jett, wife of a Tenth precinct policeman, choked, beaten, and robbed on Mill Ford Road.

May 3 Mrs. Amelia Fields, of 152 Morris Road, Anacostia, brutally beaten with a curtain pole and robbed at her home.

Brutally beaten about the head, face, and shoulders with a heavy curtain pole by a colored man, Mrs. Amelia Fields, of 152 Morris road, Anacostia, was robbed of her pocketbook, containing \$25 and some change, after a struggle in her dining room and back yard, about 9:30 o'clock this morning. She was so severely injured that a physician was summoned to attend her. The colored man made his escape.

This is the fourth pocketbook and handbag robbery and assault upon a woman reported to the police within a week.

Every available policeman at the Anacostia police station, and several Central Office detectives were this morning hurried to the little town across the river to search for the colored man.

Mrs. Fields left her home about 9 o'clock this morning to go to the grocery store. She carried her black leather pocketbook, containing all her money, in her right hand. As she was returning she met a neighbor, a short distance from her home, and stopped to talk with her. The two women noticed a colored man about 5 feet 7 inches tall, with thick lips and a brutish countenance, wearing a brown suit and cap, pass them, but paid no attention to him. He walked along the road and passed Mrs. Fields' home.

HIDDEN IN THE DINING ROOM.

After a few moments' conversation with her neighbor Mrs. Fields went to her home. As she stepped into the dining room she saw the colored man crouching in a corner.

"What do you want here?" she shrieked.

"I want something to eat and I want it quick, too," snarled the colored man.

"You get right out of here as fast as your feet can carry you or I'll call a policeman," said Mrs. Fields.

When she saw the colored man would not be frightened she started toward the front door. The colored man seized

her by the throat, hurled her against a wall and then seized a curtain pole. Holding her off at arm's length with his left hand he struck her over the head with the heavy stick. She fell to the floor and began screaming. He slapped his hand over her mouth and with his other hand continued to strike her prostrate form about the shoulders and neck.

Mrs. Fields got her right hand under her chest and held on to the pocketbook. The colored man finally turned her over, wrested the pocketbook from her hand and dashed out of the rear door. Mrs. Fields scrambled to her feet and gave chase, but he felt her to the ground with a blow in the face and jammed over the fence made his escape.

Neighbors Heard Screams.

Neighbors hearing Mr. Fields' screams rushed into the house. They summoned a physician and attended her until his arrival. Mrs. Fields was suffering from several slight cuts on the head and face and there were a number of black and blue marks on her cheeks and shoulders.

She reported the theft to the desk sergeant at the Anacostia station and in a short time Sergeant Anderson, Policemen Ready, McCormack, Dent, Brooks, and several others were on the scene. Captain Boardman was informed of the robbery an hour after it occurred and detailed Detectives Trumbo, Cornwell, Flather, and Horne to spare no time, expense, or energy in their efforts to capture the colored man. Mrs. Fields says she can identify her assailant if he is caught.

Woman Shot at Robber.

Detectives Parham, O'Brien and McNamee, of the Central Office, and police of the Tenth precinct had no clue at noon today that would assist them in capturing the colored man who is alleged to have snatched a handbag containing \$4 from Mrs. L. M. Jett, wife of a mounted patrolman in the Brightwood district, while she was walking along the Mill Ford road near Rock Creek Park, last night, about 10:45 o'clock.

Mrs. Jett's assailant made no effort to harm her. She informed the police that she had a pistol at the time the man dashed by her and snatched the reticule, and she fired three shots at him, but does not know whether or not any of them struck him.

Mrs. Jett lives in Rock Creek Park, a short distance from the spot where Miss Adele Arctander was assaulted on last Friday afternoon by Edward Hensley, alias Shorter. She was familiar with the last named case, because her husband investigated it, and had arrested a suspected colored man. Mrs. Jett says she started out to do some shopping yesterday afternoon, and suspecting that she might be attacked as Miss Arctander was, she took one of her husband's old revolvers with her. When she reached a bend in the road she hid the pistol under her arm.

Removal of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Ticket Office to 1417 G St. On Thursday, May 3rd, offices of the District Passenger Agent and Ticket Agent located at N. Y. Ave. & 15th St., will be removed to 1417 G St., near 15th St. N.W.—Adv.